

# Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

10/601,813

Applicant(s)

RAMACHANDRAN ET AL.

Examiner

Daniel A. Hess

Art Unit

2876

## All Participants:

(1) Daniel A. Hess.

(2) Daniel Wasil.

Status of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 21 December 2006

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

## Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

## Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

*See Continuation Sheet*

Claims discussed:

1-37

Prior art documents discussed:

*Mair et al. (US 6,367,695)*

## Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

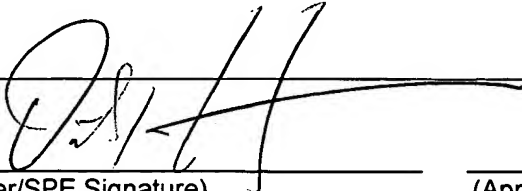
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## Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of rejections discussed: Rejection of claims 1-2, 14-19, 24, 26, 29, and 32 under U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mair, et al. (US 6,367,695).

Rejection of claims 3-13, 20-23, 25, 27-28, 30-31, and 33-37 are under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Mair..

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The Examiner and the Applicant discussed differences between Mair and Instant Invention and the Applicant was able clarify features that the Mair et al. lacks but which can be found in the Instant Specification. The Applicant proposed language which the Examiner was able to agree to regarding claims 1, 19 and 26.

Regarding claims 23 and 32, the Examiner and the Applicant discussed and were able to agree upon a fairly standard definition of 'fuzzy logic' according to the Microsoft Computer Dictionary which Mair et al. does not meet.

Regarding claims 35-37, agreement could not be reached between the Examiner and the Applicant, but the Applicant agreed to cancel these claims to expedite prosecution.